DAVIS ANSWERS REAGAN.

His Silence has Been Misconstrued. Hence he Writes an Able Reply to Reagan's Letter and Reviews the Inconsistency of the Latter's Position.

BEAUVOIR MISS, Sept. 20, 1887.
To the Hon. John H. Reagan—My
Dear Friend: * * If drunkenness be the cause of disorder and crime why not pronounce drunkenness itself to be a crime, and attach to it proper and adequate penalties? Now, intoxi-cating liquor has become to you the evil, all possible use of which must be cating liquor has become to you the evil, all possible use of which must be an abuse, and, therefore, legislation must not be directed to its control, but to its extermination. With an inconsistency, surprising his a mind so logical as yours, exception is made of use for sacramental purposes. Can it be possible that an unmitigated evil can be requisite for the performance of a holy office? Is it not plain that your to legislating against use and not abuse? Straining my assertion that it was the duty of government to protect and not to impair inalienable rights of the individual, it has been treated as if it had been a denial of all power to punish crime, without which government could not protect personal rights.

In the election that is to be held for or against the adoption of prohibition in this county there are but two forms of tickets that can be used. Those in favor of the adoption of prohibition in this county must use a ticket containation of the words "Against the sale of intoxicating liquors," and those opposed to the adoption of this most oppressive, tyrannical prohibition in this county there are but two forms of tickets that can be used. Those in tavor of the adoption of prohibition in this county must use a ticket containation of this world, then would my people fight, but now is not my kingdom from toxicating liquors," For the sale of intoxicating liquors." These words of this world, then would my to the adoption of this most oppressive, transition in this county there are but two forms of the doption of prohibition in this county there are but two forms of ticket containation in the word of the adoption of the sale of intoxicating liquors,." For the sale of intoxicating liquors, "For the sale of intoxicating liquors," These words of this world, then would my tenture to do what He Himself reduced to do, to bring in the kingdom for this most oppressive, the world with their own kind of the world with the world with the adoption of this most oppressive, the world with the adoption of this most oppr of prohibition you cite the law against carrying concealed weapons, but here again the answer is patent. The law does not invade the right to keep and bear arms for private and public defense, but the abuse of that right by such practices as befit the assassin, the burglar, the invader of the rights of others. To carry out your theory to its logical conclusions, as deadly weapons may lead to crime, the sale, importation and manufacture of fireimportation and manufacture of fire

Among the instances you cite of the abridgment of personal liberty is the prohibition of the first parents to the fruit of the tree of life, but the license system and for the correspondfacts of the case seem hardly to sustain your theory, as the Creator did not destroy the tree so as to make it im-possible that our first parents should eat of the fruit, but he rather left them as free agents to their moral responsi bility, with a penalty attached to the violation of his command. They had August entire personal liberty and were left to choose between virtuous obedience and government. They chose to offend and suffered the penalty. You further state that the decalogue "abridges personal liberty in nearly every commandment, but surely you time when the license system was in do not consider theft, murder and the vogue. The significance of these figures bearing false witness as part of personal liberty; the last named has become very common, but had not, I supposed, yet reached the magnitude

arms and cutlery should be prohibited, and thus wholly extirpate the svil which would follow abuse by their

en in a state of society might be rolice statistics of Cambridge ated by the evil disposed? It worthy at least of passing notice, strikes me as a misuse of terms to describe the commission of crime as the WHY DO I OPPOSE PROHIBITION exercise of personal liberty. The natural rights of man are those which belong to the social condition, that being his natural state of existence, and those are termed "inalienable" the

commentaries it has received, the ing in San Antonio. He is a total abquestion at issue is presented as though the "amendment" had been only about whisky traffic and the keeping of saloons. For the instruction of others I will quo e the amendment, that it may be seen whether it was confined to whisky traffic and saloons, the alleged cause of the suffering, crimes and diswhen it had been discovered that an expectation of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the which is the parable of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the which is the parable of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the whole is the parable of the wheat and tares, when it had been discovered that an expectation of the whole is the words of the words o

what, it may be asked, would the wine up while attempting to root up the frowers have done with their surplus tares.

Large tares tares tares tares tares tares. aspired law-giver be revived?

your state may be sufficient guarantee and protect. rights and privileges by the liberty-loving people of Texas. Is there no possibility that an "ism" which has shown such expansive capacity will 2—It roots up the right of the private ownership of property. Under the pro-tection of the laws of Texas vast sums have been invested and a vast amount

There is another marked feature to themselves up as the vice-gerents of which objection might well be made in the Almighty over the other part The comparison. the manner in which the question was laws under which we live were made presented. An amendment might be for the protection of the lives and ence should prove it to be injurious citizens.

powerful influence of the decision of is the right of a number of people, by n intelligent, reflectig people.

a majority at the polls, to bring in the literature which the discussion state to back them in forcing their own of the prohibition quesion has evoked, parrow view of temperance on those to use and abuse, and a extraordinary your is that the use of intoxicating perversion of my advoqey of indivi- dri ks in any form and to any extent dual liberty, as if equivalent to a license as beverages is wrong and sinful. It is for the invasion of the presonal rights a question, therefore, that affects one's of others. Individuals have rights, and right, not only to indulge a bodily, or

Weekly Intelligencer. the chief duty of society is to protect them, which involve the punishment of those who trespass upon their neighbors. As all men are not fit to be a law bors. As all men are not the chief duty of society is to protect satisfy a bodily want or craving, but unto themselves, the power to restrain and to punish evil-doers is a necessary thousands who make no use of intox-

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If your time has expired, please renew, and if the date is incorrect not only to force upon them, then, a law embodying such a view, would be not only to put the body under relating drinks at all, who with the example of the Divine Master and the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible before them cannot not and will not believe that the teachings of the Bible and four lots in the town on the persecuence and the teachings of the Bible and four lots in the teach do so, either by a majority of the peo-ple, by military coercion, or under the dogma of divine right, is despotism. In It is church and state with a vengeance, these general propositions it is assumed a situation which it was once thought you will concur, and though we have recently been separated on a single question, I trustfully look forward to to remind us that they are acting on e-union on the broader field which lies | Christian principles and from Christian

motives and are led by Christian min-isters. Indeed, the movement has been called the ministers' movement. Not beyond it. In conclusion, permit me to express the hope that it will give you less pain to read this letter than the necessity for writing it has given to me, and to assure you that I remain ever faithfully vour friend, JEFFERSON DAVIS. and persuasion, and the influence of example and conduct, to lead men to ac-

THE FORM OF THE BALLOT.

[From the Brookfield Gazette.] In the election that is to be held for phibition you cite the law against dies to the sick and the hospitality in

PROHIBITION IN CAMBRIDGE.

[From the New York World.] Cambridge, Mass., has been since May 1, a prohibition city. Statistics just published regarding the number of license system, and for the correspond-ing months in 1887, under a prohibition regime, furnish a basis for an in teresting comparison: 1886. LICENSE. | 1887. PROHIBITION

It will be seen by the above table that sixty-three more arrests for drunkenness were made in Cambridge during four months under prohibition rule than were made for the same length of

vogue. The significance of these figures Do laws for the pudishment of crime abridge personal liberty, or rather are they not guardians of the natural rights they not guardians of the natural rights the direction of the wind, and the

The Views of a Clergyman who is Total Abstainer.

[From the Greenville, Texas Herald] letter written by Rev. J. C. Hutchen-In your letter, and in the voluminous son, formerly of Cleburne, but now liv-

orders complained of.

The proposed amendment to the constitution of Texas reads as follows:

"Wilt thou then that we go and gather 'The manufacture, sale and exchange them up?" But he said "Nay, leas of intexticating liquors, except for while ye gather up the tares ye root up medicinal, mechanical, sacramental and also the wheat with them." The quesscientific purposes, is hereby prohibited in the state of Texas. The legislature shall, at the first session held after the adoption of the amendment, cuact anthority of Him from whose gospel This was the measure submitted to the voters of Texas and rejected by in the prohibitionists and their words I most earnestly object to prohibition If the amendment had been adopted, on account of the wheat it would roo

peaches, apples and pears, or the farm-ers with their surplus grain? Will they be fed to the hogs? A law more ancient and of higher authority than the Maine liquor law forbids the use of swine's flesh, and having entered on the private habits and usages of life. It is said in this country the majority must rule. But that doctrine of major-ities, even in this country, applies only to the form and policies of the governthe course of sumptuary legislation, ment; as to the private and persona why may not the prohibition of the rights of individuals, it is the province of government neither to create The result of the recent election in nor to destroy, but to regulate, guard

pendence of Texas may have on change of sentiment on the part of the another occasion to defend her rights people, expressed at the ballot box, to make these investments and this proppowers are reserved which had not erty utterly worthless to those who been delegated, and that sumptuary own them. Are we prepared for it? I then let us, in all consistency, be previolation of personal liberty, might not your prohibition doctrine come back and father McGlynn, at the head of a to plague you? If overpowered by society called the "Anti-Poverty Sonumbers, what would be the condition ciety," are now earnestly, and no doubt people-what would be the moral de- if a change of sentiment on the part of cadeace resulting from the domination the majority of the people, expressed of spes, informers and foreign officials, at the ballot box, can give them the May God in His mercy shield us from right to render worthless the property all the consequent evils of such a poli- of men whose business they regard as cy, to paint which would require wrong and unlawful, should Mr. George colors even deeper than those you and father weGlynn succeed in getting a majority of the American people to A gratifying result of the Texas elec-tion, as reported to me, was that the the right by appealing to the ballot-box, counties which had favored local op-tion did, as a rule, vote against the private in the United States. You say amendment. It was gratifying for there is no danger. That is no answer. two reasons, because it evinced a just The sin and danger, too, lie in the prindiscrimination between local option ciple. Nor is it an answer to say that and state prohibition and that it was the business of the men who own this not the drunkerds and traders in whisky property is iniquitous, and that, therewho constituted the opposition to the fore, they deserve to lose it. One part of the community have no right to set

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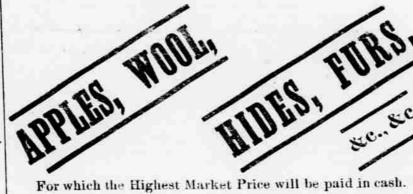
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W. H. BRUNS, tute for all that the petition be returned to the petioners. Lost.

Mr. Russell's amendment was vious and lost.

Mr. Schaefermever's motion

Mr. Schaefermever's motion N terested in the estate of Henry Dierking, deceased, that the undersigned, administrator, will apply to make a final settlement of and estate at the November term, 1887, of the Probate Court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and beld at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in November, 1887.

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